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### Healthcare Regional Skills Alliance of Northern Michigan Success Story

Jennifer Taylor is a single mom of a little girl about two years old and was receiving TANF cash assistance when she began working with a Career Advisor at the Northwest Michigan Works! Center in Kalkaska. Her goal was to obtain a career in the health care field. Jennifer started working towards her goal by registering for GED prep classes in the Michigan Works! Adult Education Learning Lab located in the Kalkaska Service Center.

Jennifer graduated with her GED on June 16, 2005 and successfully completed the RSA sponsored Basic Health Care training on June 24, 2005. She enrolled in the RSA's Certified Nurse Aid training in October, and after completing the training, began working part-time at the Grand Traverse Pavilions, where she had done the clinical portion of the CNA training. After she took her certification test and passed, she began working at the Pavilions as a CENA, 40 hrs a week at \$11.25 per hour. Her TANF case has closed, and she is now able to support her family as a single parent.